

REMARKS

Claims 16, 21, and 24-26 have been amended. Claims 12-18 and 20-32 are pending, with claims 12, 16, and 21 being independent.

Attached hereto is an Appendix entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" which is a marked-up version of the portions of the application which have been amended by the present supplemental amendment, with brackets indicating deleted matter and underlining indicating added matter.

Independent claims 16 and 21 have been amended to more clearly define the present invention.

Dependent claims 24-26 have been amended to be consistent with changes made to independent claim 12 from which they depend in the amendment of October 16, 2002.

It is submitted that claims 12-18 and 20-32 are allowable at least for the reasons discussed in the amendment of October 16, 2002.

For the reasons set forth above and in the amendment of October 16, 2002, it is submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been overcome, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an action of a favorable nature are respectfully requested.

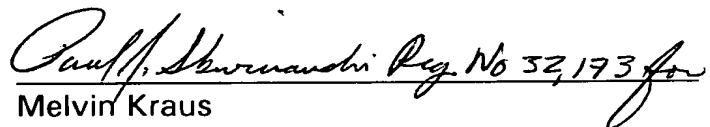
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